

Sept. 27 1945

Comm. John Keenan  
City Hall  
Newark N.J.

Dear Mr Keenan:

While the baseball season is not quite over, I felt I should write you at this time to say thanks for the wonderful cooperation your department gave us at the ballpark this summer. You cannot imagine what it has meant to the large number of fans who really want the baseball.

There was a time some of the fans were becoming disorderly, and causing others to stay away from the park. This unruly conduct has completely disappeared, and there is no question about the fact the fans are really grateful.

I cannot help feeling your Captain Byrne was largely responsible for the good order at the park. I reported to him early in the season, some hooligans were having a crap game in the mens room, and I know he personally arranged to catch them next time, arrested them and they were fined for the offence. We were not troubled anymore during the season with these offenders.

The baseball is about the only healthy outdoor sport the Negro can enjoy without fear of segregation, and most of them really appreciate it.

Again please accept my sincere thanks.

Very Truly Yours